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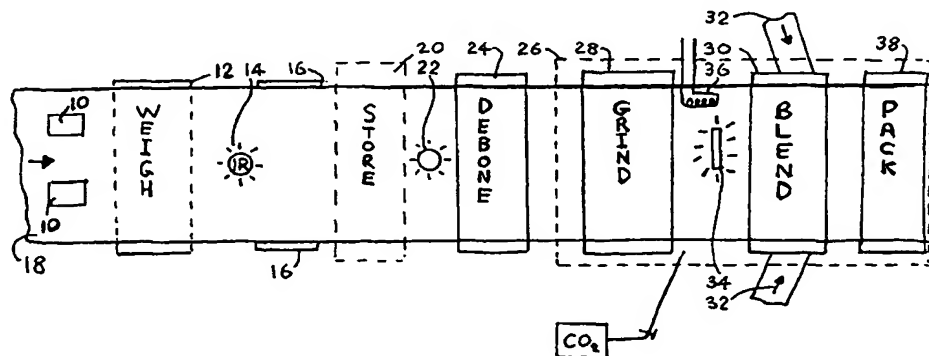
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(57) Abstract: Meat is processed under conditions preserving its quality and hygiene. Process steps, particularly those in which new meat surfaces are generated, are carried out in an atmosphere comprising CO<sub>2</sub> and excluding O<sub>2</sub>. UV may be used for germicidal action. The meat temperature is preferably kept between 0 and -2°C. Particularly for red meats, the CO<sub>2</sub> content is controlled to maintain a surface pH of 3.5 or less.

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